IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yutaka MASUDA et al. :

Serial No. NEW : Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH

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METHOD FOR CLASSIFYING AND ARRANGING METALLIC PAINT COLORS (Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. 09/236,609, Filed January 26, 1999)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

<u>Prior to calculating the filing fee</u>, please amend the above-identified application as follows: